THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The University Grants Commission (UGC) identified Universities with potential for excellence and provides financial assistance to them, up to a limit of Rs. 30 crores over a period of five years, in order to improve the quality of higher education. It is also implementing a Special Assistance Programme (SAP) wherein assistance of Rs. 40-100 lakhs is given to eligible Department of Universities having a potential for quality teaching and research in various disciplines.

The National Assessment and Accredited Council (NAAC), an autonomous inter-university centre of the UGC, assesses and accredits institutions of higher education with a view to improving their quality.

A programme of Finishing Schools for unemployed engineering graduates has been taken up since 2007-08 in order to prepare them for the IT/ITeS industries.

Position in quality education

†346. SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to stae:

whether it is a fact that any State in the country has been conferred the highest international position in the matter of quality from the point of view of human resource;

if so, the names of the States and what are the main features on the basis of which such award has been conferred; and

whether Government is considering to provide more resource to such State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Ministry of Human Resource Development is not aware of any such conferment of highest international position to any State in the country in the matter of quality from the point of view of human resource.

(c) Does not arise.

Total Literacy Campaign Scheme

†347. SHRI VEER PAL SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

the number of States of the country in which the total literacy campaign scheme has been implemented;

the purpose of Government behind this scheme;

the amount being provided by the Central Government to each State; and

the number of persons provided with employment throughout the country under this Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 597 districts of the country in 34 States/UTs have been covered under the literacy programmes so far.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The purpose of the total literacy campaign is to impart functional literacy to the adult illiterates in the 15-35 age group.

A Statement indicating State-wise details of the funds released for the literacy campaigns during the last three years is attached *(See* below).

No employment is provided under the literacy campaigns as it is based on voluntarism.

Statement

State-wise details of funds released for the literacy campaigns

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
I.	Andhra Pradesh	33.97	28.80	0.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	123.08	85.20	10.25
3.	Assam	76.58	0.00	141.01
4.	Bihar	829.58	226.30	185.17
5.	Chhattisgarh	226.26	76.00	96.00
6.	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Gujarat	0.00	17.28	130.00
8.	Haryana	11.47	122.87	20.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	6.15	0.00	0.00
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	104.80	106.89	151.95
11.	Jharkhand	121.14	387.62	211.80
12.	Karnataka	83.11	509.23	538.00
13.	Kerala	0.00	0.00	0.00
14.	Madhya Pradesh	26.14	84.92	0.00
15.	Maharashtra	0.00	148.76	132.75
16.	Manipur	122.53	95.02	48.24
17.	Meghalaya	153.30	8.12	109.70
18.	Mizoram	0.00	0.00	0.00
19.	Nagaland	133.18	0.00	0.00
20.	Orissa	145.86	50.00	0.24
21.	Punjab	16.41	44.00	20.46
22.	Rajasthan	18.43	54.80	0.00
23.	Sikkim	0.00	36.60	12.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	3.57	265.48	62.88
25.	Tripura	30.47	0.00	0.00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	73.11	450.83	567.06
27.	Uttaranchal	0.00	0.00	148.19
28.	West Bengal	200.00	231.03	0.00
29.	Chandigarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
30.	Delhi	0.00	0.00	0.00
31.	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.00
32.	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
33.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	0.00	0.00
34.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
35.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	2539.14	3029.75	2585.70